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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE - LOWER HOUSE PLENARY
SESSION - DEBATE ON KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

1. FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS OF SATURDAY MORNING PRESS
TRANSLATED BY EMBASSY TOKYO TRANSMITTED TO
EMBASSY SEOUL.

2. LEAD STORIES: ASAHI, MAINICHI, YOMIURI AND SANKEI
PLAYED UP EMERGENCY INTERPELLATIONS IN LOWER HOUSE
PLENARY SESSION HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON KIM
INCIDENT. FRONT-PAGE TOP STORIES, WITH RESPECTIVE
CAPTVUROLVVVWQAC# PRIME

MINISTERMAINTAINS CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE FROM FIRST TO
LAST; EMERGENCY INTERPELLATIONS ON KIM DAE JUNG
INCIDENT; INFRINGEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY CANNOT YET BE
JUDGED DEFINITELY; ALL-OUT EFFORTS FOR CLARIFICATION
OF TRUTH, FOR TIME BEING; FLATLY REJECTS OPPOSITION
DEMANDS END QTE (ASAHI); QTE CONVINCING SETTLEMENT OF
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KIM DAE JUNG INCIDENT DESIRED: PRIME MINISTER REPLIES

AT LOWER HOUSE; WILL NOT CHANGE POLICY TOWARD ROK;
IMMEDIATE JUDGMENT ON VIOLATION OF SOVEREIGNTY NOT
POSSIBLE; EXERCISING OFFICIAL AUTHORITY IS PROBLEM;
UNIFIED VIEW ON INFRINGEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY END QTE
(MAINICHI); QTE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZES QTE JAPAN-
ROK END QTE SOLIDARITY; LOWER HOUSE EMERGENCY
INTERPELLATIONS ON KIM CASE; INFRINGEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY
CANNOT BE JUDGED IMMEDIATELY; NOT THINKING OF SEEKING
APOLOGY; QTE PRIMING WATER END QTE TOWARD ROK FOR
FAIR AND JUST SETTLEMENT END QTE (YOMIURI); AND QTE WILL
ENDEAVOR FOR FAIR AND JUST, AND CONVINCING SETTLEMENT;
PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSES VIEWS FOR FIRST TIME ON KIM
CASE; NOT YET THINKING OF QTE PROTEST END QTE;
EMERGENCY INTERPELLATIONS END QTE (SANKI).

3. ASAHI LEAD PARAGRAPHS AS FOLLOWS: AT EMERGENCY
INTERPELLATIONS ON KIM DAE JUNG INCIDENT, HELD IN
LOWER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION AFTERNOON SEVENTH,
REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS PARTIES ASKED VIEWS OF GOJ,
INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, WHO ATTENDED DIET
SESSION ON THIS QUESTION FOR FIRST TIME. OPPOSITION
PARTIES ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO FACT THAT IT HAS
BECOME CLEAR THAT ROK EMBASSY MEMBER WAS INVOLVED IN
THIS INCIDENT AND, FURTHERMORE, THAT ROK SIDE REJECTED
JAPAN'S REQUEST FOR THIS PERSON TO REPORT VOLUNTARILY
TO POLICE ON STRENGTH OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE.
OPPOSITION DEMANDED THAT GOJ TAKE STRONG MEASURES
TOWARD INFRINGEMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY, CUT-OFF ECONOMIC
AID TO ROK, AND RESTUDY OUR COUNTRY'S POLICIES TOWARD
ROK, AS A WHOLE, INCLUDING CHANGE IN OUR UN POLICY
ON ROK. TOWARD THIS, REPLIES BY PRIME MINISTER
TANAKA AND FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA WERE ALL ROOTED
FIRMLY IN KEYNOTE OF QTE MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING
JAPAN-ROK FRIENDLY RELATIONS UNQTE. THEY REJECTED
FLATLY ALL OPPOSITION DEMANDS, INCLUDING
CUT-OFF OF ECONOMIC AID, ABROGATION OF JAPAN-ROK
TREATY, AND DISAVOWAL OF THE ROK CLAUSE OF THE
1969 US-JAPAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. IN REGARD TO QUESTION
OF INFRINGEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH IS FOCAL
POINT, THEY REPLIED, FROM FIRST TO LAST, THAT THIS
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IS NOT YET TIME TO REACH DEFINITE JUDGMENT, AS
INVESTIGATIONS ARE STILL UNDERWAY AND THAT FOR
TIME BEING, FIRST THING IS CLARIFICATION OF TRUE
FACTS OF INCIDENT.

4. MAINICHI LEAD PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS: WITH ROK
REFUSING TALKS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR USHIROKU AND
PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG PIL ON 7TH, IT HAS BECOME STILL

MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN PROSPECTS FOR SOLVING KIM DAE-JUNG INCIDENT, ALREADY ONE MONTH OLD. AT EMERGENCY INTERPELLATIONS IN LOWER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION, HELD ON SEVENTH, PRIMIN TANAKA CLARIFIED FOLLOWING BASIC POLICIES TOWARD INCIDENT FOR THE FIRST TIME:

(1) EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO REACH FAIR AND JUST SETTLEMENT, WHICH WILL BE CONVINCING TO BOTH JAPANESE AND ROK PEOPLES; (2) THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT, INVOLVING BOTH JAPAN AND THE ROK, AND, THEREFORE, ROK COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE SOUGHT IN FUTURE; (3) FUTURE COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE CONSIDERED, AFTER CLARIFYING TRUE FACTS OF CASE; AND (4) GOJ CONSIDERS MAINTENANCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE ROK INDISPENSABLE, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF CHANGING ITS BASIC POLICIES TOWARD ROK. ALSO, PRIMIN TANAKA AND FONMIN OHIRA EXPLAINED GOJ UNIFIED VIEW ON INFRINGEMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY, I.E., QTE VIOLATION OF SOVEREIGNTY IS EXERCISE OF ONE COUNTRY'S OFFICIAL POWER IN AN AREA UNDER LEGAL JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER COUNTRY, WITHOUT THE LATTER'S CONSENT UNQTE. HOWEVER, THEY AVOIDED MAKING DEFINITE STATEMENT WHETHER SAID INCIDENT INFRINGED ON OUR COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY OR NOT, SAYING THAT QTE IT STILL BEING INVESTIGATED, AND WE DO NOT YET HAVE DATA TO MAKE JUDGMENT. UNQTE. AS REGARDS CONCRETE POLICIES TOWARD ROK, THEY EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) WE ARE NOT THINKING IN ANY WAY OF ABROGATING JAPAN-ROK TREATY; (2) WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF DISCONTINUING ECONOMIC AID; AND (3) WE WILL TAKE MEASURES SO THAT UNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA WILL BE REALIZED PEACEFULLY, AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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5. YOMIURI LEAD PARAGRAPH ALMOST IDENTICAL, EXCEPT FOR REPORT THAT OPPOSITION PRESSED FOR STIFF COUNTER-MEASURES TOWARD ROK, INCLUDING EXPULSION OF KCIA AGENTS FROM JAPAN, AS WELL AS CUT-OFF OF ECONOMIC AID, AND ABROGATION OF THE JAPAN-ROK BASIC TREATY. YOMIURI COMMENTED THAT THIS ATTITUDE MIGHT STEM FROM FACT THAT ROK PROVOKED BY JAPANESE RELEASE OF RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION HAS STIFFENDED ITS POSTURE, WITH THE RESULT OF ENVELOPING JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS IN WORSENERD ATMOSPHERE. IN CONSIDERATION OF AVOIDING FURTHER WORSENERD OF THE SITUATION, YOMIURI COMMENTED ALSO THAT GOJ IS SHOWING QTE UNDERSTANDING UNQTE TOWARD ROK. HOWEVER, PRIMIN STATED THAT QTE JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS ARE VITALLY NEEDED FOR THE STABILIZATION OF ASIA UNQTE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY IRRITATE OPPOSITION

SIDE STILL MORE, AS SHOWING FURTHER EXPANSION OF
KOREAN CLAUSE OF 1969 US-JAPAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. GOJ EXPECTED TO
BE PLACED IN DIFFICULT POSITION DOMESTICALLY IN ADDITION TO
DEADLOCK IT NOW FACES IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROK.
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6. SANKEI LEAD PARA SIMILAR, EXCEPT IT NOTED PRIMIN TANAKA
STATEMENT THAT GOJ QTE NOT CONSIDERING PROTEST OR DEMAND FOR APOLOGY
ON PREMISE OF INFRINGEMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY UNQTE IN RESPONSE
TO QUESTION BY KAZUO TANIKAWA (LDP.) SANKEI NOTED THAT GOJ REPLIES
DID NOT GO BEYOND VIEWS ALREADY EXPRESSED IN EARLIER COMMITTEE
SESSIONS. SANKEI ALSO NOTED THAT PRIMIN TANAKA RESPONSES THROUGHOUT
WERE CONSIDERATE OF ROK POSITION, AND STRESSED NEED TO RESOLVE KIM
CASE ON BASIS OF HIGH-LEVEL, BROAD PERSPECTIVE OF JAPAN-ROK
RELATIONS.

7. NIHON KEIZAI LEAD STORY DEALT WITH PETROLEUM PROBLEM, LIBYAN
MOVES AND OPEC COMMITTEE MEETING, WHILE TOKYO SHIMBUN PLAYED UP
LOCAL COURT DECISION IN NAGANUMA CASE THAT SELF DEFENSE FORCES
UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

8. ASAHI AND OTHER PAPERS REPORTED FRIDAY REFUSAL OF ROK PRIMIN
KIM CHONG-PIL TO MEET AMBASSADOR USHIROKU TO DISCUSS FURTHER
JAPANESE REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE OF FIRST SECRETARY

KIM DONG-WOON FOR QUESTIONING IN JAPAN.

9. SANKEI REPORTED ON FRONT PAGE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SUSUMU NIKAI DO STATEMENT TO PRESS FRIDAY EVENING THAT GOJ NOT CONSIDERING DISPATCH OF SPECIAL ENVOY TO ROK. NIKAI DO SPOKE IN AMPLIFICATION OF PRIMIN TANAKA RESPONSE IN DIET TO QUESTION BY KAZUO TANIKAWA (LDP)
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THAT QUESTION OF DISPATCH OF SPECIAL ENVOY BY GOJ QTE WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY UNQTE INLIGHT OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SITUATION. NIAKDIO NOTED THAT ROK HAS NOT RAISED ISSUE OF SPECIAL ENVOY.

10. SANKEI ALSO REPORTED ON FRONT PAGE THAT GOJ INTENDS FOR TIME BEING TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE OF FIRST SECRETARY KIM DONG-WOON THROUGH AMBASSADOR USHIROKU, BUT THAT KIM WOULD BE PNG-ED LATER IF ROK PERSISTS IN REFUSAL TO COOPERATE IN ARRANGING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE JAPANESE POLICE. SANKEI COMMENTED THAT THIS MIGHT INDICATE THAT ROK NEEDS MORE TIME TO DETERMINE ITS POSITION, WHICH CONCLUSION MAY BE DRAWN FROM FACT THAT PRIMIN KIM REFUSED TO SEE AMBASSADOR USHIROKU FRIDAY TO DISCUSS THIS POINT. SANKEI ALSO COMMENTED THAT NIKAI DO STATEMENT INDICATES GOJ DESIRE TO GIVE ROK FEW MORE DAYS IN HOPE OF SECURING ROK COOPERATION. NOTING THAT GOJ HAD MOVED VERY QUICKLY ON REQUEST FOR FIRST SECRETARY KIM APPEARANCE, SANKEI CONCLUDED THAT GOJ MIGHT TRY TO SLOW DOWN TEMPO OF DEVELOPMENT OF CASE SLIGHTLY BY DELAYING FURTHER DIPLOMATIC MOVE SUCH AS PNG-ING FIRST SECRETARY KIM UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

1. NIHON KEIZAI, IN FRONT PAGE STORY, QUOTES GOJ LEADERS AS SAYING FRIDAY EVENING THAT GOJ MAY HAVE DRIVEN ROK TOO HARD AND TOO PRECIPITOUSLY IN REQUESTING RETURN TO JAPAN OF KIM TAE-CHUNG AND VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE OF FIRST SECRETARY KIM DONG-WOON. GOJ SOURCE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AMBASSADOR USHIROKU HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUSPEND REQUESTS FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH PRIMIN KIM CHONG-PIL FOR TIME BEING IN INTEREST OF PROVIDING BREATHING TIME TO OBSERVE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SITUATION. NIHON KEIZAI COMMENTED THAT THIS MAY PRESAGE CHANGE IN GOJ POLICY FROM PRESENT ONE BASED ON QTE RATIONAL ARGUMENTS UNQTE TO ONE WHICH QTE MORE FLEXIBLE UNQTE POSTURE. GOJ SEEN AS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR PROTRACTED CONFRONTATION SINCE IT UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT ROK TO INDICATE ITS VIEWS IN NEAR FUTURE, AND AT SAME TIME SETTING UP QTE COOLING OFF PERIOD UNQTE.

12. MAINICHI, IN FRONT PAGE STORY, REPEATS SAME THME, THAT GOJ POLICY OF PRESSING FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS HAS FAILED FOR TIME BEING. MAINICHI QUOTES GOJ SOURCE WHO REVEALED THAT QTE GOJ HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE COMPLETELY UNQTE, WHICH IT INTERPRETS TO MEAN THAT GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO
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PRESS ROK THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. HOWEVER, NOTING THAT GOJ PREPARING FOR PROTRACTED CONFRONTATION, MAINICHI REPORTS THAT GOJ NOW CONSIDERING NEW STEPS UNDER WHICH IT WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. MAINICHI ALSO NOTES THAT VOICES WITHIN LDP HAVE RAISED NECESSITY OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT TO BE WORKED OUT BY INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL LEADER. DESPITE PRIMIN TANAKA CAUTIOUS RESPONSE IN DIET AND NIKAI DO CLARIFICATION, MAINICHI CONCLUDES THAT POSSIBILITY OF DISPATCH OF GOJ SPECIAL ENVOY BECOMING STRONGER. FURTHER, MAINICHI REPORTS SENTIMENT WITHIN LDP IN FAVOR OF NOMINATING LDP VICE PRESIDENT ETSUSABURO SHIINA AS CANDIDATE FOR ROLE OF SPECIAL ENVOY, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE WELL KNOWN IN ROKG CIRCLES AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF JAPAN WHO SIGNED JAPAN-ROK TREATY NORMALIZING RELATIONS EIGHT YEARS AGO, AND BECAUSE OF SKILL HE DISPLAYED IN SPECIAL MISSION TO TAIWAN JUST PRIOR TO JAPAN'S NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC. SHOESMITH

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